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SUBJECT: VESCO - VISIT OF DAVID BUTOWSKY

1. DAVID M. BUTOWSKY, COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL COUNSEL (MORE OR LESS EQUIVALENT TO RECEIVER) FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS CORPORATION (OLD VESCO-BASE COMPANY) WILL ARRIVE IN SAN JOSE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, AND WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH CHARGE.

2. IN TELECON OCTOBER 7 BETWEEN STANLEY SPORKIN, SEC AND ARA/CEN, FORMER ADVISED THAT BUTOWSKY HAD BEEN INFORMED BY FNU DURAN, BUTOWSKY'S COSTA RICAN COUNSEL, THAT DURAN WAS IN POSSESSION OF A DOCUMENT THAT WOULD FORCE GOCR TO EXPEL VESCO FROM THE COUNTRY AND THAT DURAN WOULD BE DISCUSSING THAT DOCUMENT WITH QUOTE HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS UNQUOTE OF THE GOCR INCLUDING THREE JUDGES.

3. DEPTOFF ADVISED SPORKIN THAT EXTRADITION LAW IS BEING DEBATED NOW IN ASAMBLEA AND THAT THIS ALREADY HAD GIVEN RISE TO ONE APPARENT BYZANTINE ATTEMPT TO SIDE-TRACK
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UNQUOTE. DEPTOFF URGED THAT BUTOWSKY BE WARNED OF POTENTIAL DELICACY OF SITUATION AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOMETHING OF THE SORT MIGHT BE IN PLAY HERE. SPORKIN AGREED

TO PASS ON THIS WARNING AND ALSO AGREED TO URGE BUTOWSKY TO CONTACT CHARGE AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS UPON ARRIVAL.

4. IN REPLY TO SPORKIN'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO BUTOWSKY EMBASSY'S CABLE FACILITIES FOR SECURE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION GATHERED DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT IF BUTOWSKY KEPT THE EMBASSY ABREAST OF HIS CONVERSATIONS THESE WOULD BE ROUTINELY REPORTED BACK TO DEPARTMENT. WE REASSURED SPORKIN THAT GREATEST PAINS WOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT INFORMATION AND SOURCE. KISSINGER

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